

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**  
**FOR THE NEW YOLO BRANCH LIBRARY BUILDING PROJECT**

**Date:** July 19, 2018

**To:** California State Clearinghouse, CEQA Responsible and Trustee Agencies, federal agencies, Yolo County Clerk, and interested individuals and organizations

**Subject:** **Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the New Yolo Branch Library Building Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2017112036)**

**Lead Agency:** Yolo County Library – 226 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695

**Applicant:** Same as Lead Agency

**Project Title:** New Yolo Branch Library Building Project

Notice is hereby given that the Yolo County Library (YCL) has prepared a Draft EIR for the project identified above and is requesting comments on the content of this Draft EIR.

**Project Location and Description:** The YCL has prepared a Draft EIR to evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts that may result from implementation of the YCL's New Yolo Branch Library Building Project. This proposed project would demolish and replace the existing Yolo Branch Library with a new, larger library building. The existing Yolo Branch Library was constructed in 1918 and is a historical resource listed on the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR) and the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP); however, existing structural and other concerns have required the County to cease use of the Yolo Branch Library building. Library operations from the historic building ceased in early March 2018 and the library now operates out of a temporary modular building placed at the site.

The existing Yolo Branch Library is located at 37750 Sacramento Street, in the unincorporated Town of Yolo, near the center of the County. The existing Yolo Branch Library property is an approximately 0.27-acre parcel of developed land (Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 025-401-013) located at the northwest corner of 2nd Street and Sacramento Street, near the center of the Town. The County purchased an adjoining residential property at 14184 2nd Street (APN 025-401-012) to the north of the existing library property and intends to demolish the existing single-family home, rezone the residential use to public facility use, and combine the two parcels as part of the project.

The YCL is proposing to replace the existing, approximately 1,000 square-foot Yolo Branch Library and adjacent residence with a new, larger library facility. The new Yolo Branch Library building would be approximately 3,800 square feet in size and would better serve the community and accommodate anticipated growth and need for library services within the branch library's service area. The YCL has worked with community groups to establish the existing library's "character-defining features" and would continue to work with the community to identify existing building features that would either be salvaged, replicated, interpreted, documented, or demolished as part of the project. While the YCL would incorporate the look and feel of the existing Yolo Branch Library Building into the planning and design of the proposed New Yolo Branch Library Building Project, the project would result in the demolition of the existing, Yolo Branch Library building, a known historical resource.

The proposed project is not located on a site listed pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5 by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.

**Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects:** The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts on the following resources: Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources (historical resources, undocumented cultural resources, and undocumented tribal cultural resources), Aesthetics (visual character and quality of the site and its surroundings), Air Quality (fugitive dust and other pollutant emissions), Biological Resources (nesting birds and roosting bats), Hazards and Hazardous Materials (unanticipated contamination, hazardous building materials, potential controlled-burn activities), Hydrology and Water Quality (storm water and flooding), and Noise (construction noise and vibration, community use noise). Mitigation measures are proposed to avoid and / or substantially reduce the proposed project’s potential effects on certain Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources, Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Noise to less than significant levels. Mitigation measures are also proposed to reduce the proposed project’s potential impact on the existing Yolo Branch Library, a known historical resource, but the proposed project would result in the demolition of building which is considered a significant and unavoidable project-level impact.

**Request for Comments:** The purpose of this Notice of Availability is to request comments on the Draft EIR the YCL has prepared for the New Yolo Branch Library Building Project from state responsible and trustee agencies, federal agencies, and any other person or organization concerned with the environmental effects of the project. The starting and ending dates for the review period during which time the YCL will receive comments on the Draft EIR are July 20, 2018 and September 4, 2018, respectively. **Please send your written response by the earliest possible date, but no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 to Mr. Mark Fink, County Librarian and Chief Archivist, 226 Buckeye Street, Woodland, CA 95695 or to [mark.fink@yolocounty.org](mailto:mark.fink@yolocounty.org) (enter “Draft EIR” in the ‘Subject’ line).** Agency responses should include the name of a contact person at the agency.

**Public Meeting Location:** The YCL encourages all interested individuals, organizations, and agencies to attend the public meeting for the New Yolo Branch Library Building Project EIR on:

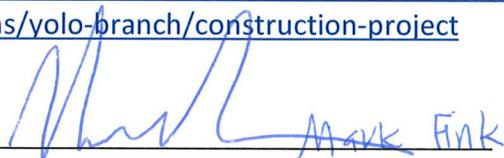
**Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM  
Yolo Branch Library Modular Building  
37750 Sacramento Street, Yolo, California 95697**

**Document Availability:** Hardcopies of the Draft EIR are available for review at the following locations:

- Yolo Branch Library  
37750 Sacramento Street  
Yolo, California 95697
- Yolo County Library Offices  
226 Buckeye Street  
Woodland, California 95695

The Draft EIR may also be reviewed or downloaded from the YCL’s website:

<http://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/general-government-departments/library/hours-and-locations/yolo-branch/construction-project>

Signature: 

Date: 7/17/18

Title: County Librarian